

**TWO MINUTES # 3**  
**6 November 2023**

9-12 **PARENTS AND STUDENTS** seeking answers to questions about **Dual Credit Classes, College Planning, Scholarships, FAFSA (financial aid), Testing, Transcript Requests, Mental Health**, and much more. A Webpage has been created to help with that information. Please follow this pathway to get to Counselor's Corner. [www.riverbendschools.org](http://www.riverbendschools.org) > Fulton High School > FHS Counselor's Corner

12 **FOR SENIORS ONLY**

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**GET EARLY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!!** Request electronic transcripts if Possible through **Parchment**. Use "**Parchment**", "**Common Application**" and/or the College Board's "**Big Future**" if possible for college applications. All applications should be done by November.

**FAFSA – THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID** is now a **required step for students to earn a diploma** from an Illinois High School. FHS will be having a FAFSA completion workshop early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester to help parents with filling out the form. For more information, go to the Financial Aid/FAFSA tab under FHS Counselor's Corner on the district website.

**GET YOUR INOCULATION/SHOT RECORDS UP TO DATE.** Check with your physician, health department and/or FHS to make sure you have all shot records in ONE location and ready to deliver to the college of your choice.

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11-12 **ALL AP STUDENTS** will need to register and pay exam fees by **November 10** for the May test date.

11-12 **2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER DUAL CREDIT STUDENTS.** Both CCC and SVCC registration for Spring term opens **October 30** and **November 6** respectively. If you have SVCC dual credit classes on your schedule for the second semester, you have to enroll online. CCC registration requires a paper registration (from Mr. Baisden). Some of the seats are starting to be populated by other students in the area. Make sure you are following the guidelines listed in the Counselor's corner website. Some of you have gone in and registered as a traditional college student and you cannot enroll that way. You are a Dual Credit Student. Do not wait, you may lose your seat if the course(s) fill up. Make sure you let Mr. Baisden know what class(es) you have enrolled in.

11-12 **SVCC Dual Credit students** are able to apply for scholarships to help pay for their credits. Students should check the svcc.edu web site on the **first of each month** to apply for scholarship help. They are also encouraged to apply for scholarships for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester classes. Those applications become available in October. When asked for a filed FAFSA, attach a word document that states that you are a Dual Credit Student and have not filed yet.

10-12 **SENIORS, JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES** Open up your College Board account and retrieve your SAT, PSAT 10 or PSAT 8/9 scores. If you are having trouble getting into your College Board account call this number for customer service **866-756-7346** they are very helpful and easy to talk to.

9-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UP-DATE** The following scholarships are found on the school's web-site and are due within the next few weeks. Go to Fulton High School-FHS Counselor's Corner-Scholarships. Try [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) to help you with scholarship searches.

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Sallie Mae Sweepstakes	monthly	
Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards	11/13	12
Cooke College Scholarship Program	11/16	12
2024 Greenhouse Scholars of Illinois- Round 1	11/21	12
Golden Apple Scholarship- Priority Apps	12/01	12
Hagan Scholarship	12/01	12
Point Flagship Scholarship	12/08	12
Burger King Scholarship	12/15	12
Equitable Excellence Scholarship	12/18	12
2024 IEC Memorial Scholarship	12/31	12

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- 11-12 **REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE FALL NACAC VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS!** You are invited to attend the first NACAC Virtual College Fair of the fall on **Sunday, November 12** from Noon-5 p.m. [Register now](#) for free! The virtual fair is a great opportunity to connect with colleges and pursue your college dreams. Have a quick video chat with a rep, drop in on a virtual presentation, send a question through chat - make a connection YOUR way! The fairs will also feature **MatchMaking!** At the time of registration, you will select the attributes that are most important to you in a college. You'll then receive an email that best matches you to the specific colleges and universities based on the criteria you provide. Reference this email on the day of the fair to connect with your best matches! Be sure to register early to take advantage of this great feature!
- 9-12 **FIRST SEMESTER** comes to an end on **December 22**. Are you doing the best you can? These grades are **“Official”** and will stay on your permanent transcript.
- 11-12 **CHECK COLLEGE WEB-SITES FOR VISIT DAYS AND OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES.**
- 11 **OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMYS OFFER SUMMER SEMINARS.** The one-week summer seminars were established to help students better understand the academic opportunities at a service academy that thrives on small classes and frequent testing. By applying to the summer seminars you are also opening an admissions file at the Academies. Students must complete applications on line. Summer seminars are very competitive. To qualify you must be in the top 10% of your class, in a college prep curriculum, have strong test scores, demonstrated leadership, active in school activities and athletically fit. Admission is on a rolling basis acceptance so return your application as soon as possible.
- Air Force Academy** <https://www.academyadmissions.com/admissions/outreach-programs/summer-seminar/>  
**Application dead line - December 1 - January 15**
- Coast Guard Academy** <https://www.uscga.edu/aim/>  
**Application dead line – February 1– April 1**
- Military Academy (Army)** <http://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/SitePages/Summer.aspx>  
**Application dead line February 1 – March 15**
- Naval Academy (Navy & Marines)** <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php>  
**Application opens January 1**
- 9-12 **XELLO – CAREER EXPLORATION** Not sure what career you want to pursue? Hit the **XELLO** button on “Counselor’s Corner”. Here you can explore your own personal career options. Using your own interests, personality type and learning style this program will help you explore careers that match your wants and needs. It will help you decide what type of training you will need whether it is “On the Job Training” or Post-High School education in a college of some sort. With this program, you get to be in the driver’s seat.
- 11-12 **ARE YOU AN 18 YEARS OLD MALE?** If you are you must register with selective service. You can register as early as 17 years and 3 months old. You are required by law to register. By doing so you will be eligible for student loans and grants, job training and government jobs as well as avoiding a 5-year prison sentence and up to \$250,000 fine. Register at the post-office, drivers licensing facility, or on line at <https://www.sss.gov/>.
- 9 **IMSA - FRESHMAN WHO HAVE EXCEPTIONAL TALENT IN MATH AND SCIENCE** are encouraged to consider the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. The IMSA provides a three-year residential experience designed to promote mathematics and science learning within a context of a comprehensive problem-centered and integrative program. Parents and students are encouraged to visit the IMSA web site at [www.imsa.edu](http://www.imsa.edu) for applications and more information. Application and all required forms are due February 1.
- 9-12 **PARENTS AND STUDENTS** If you would like to discuss academic challenges or plans, vocational and career options, or personal issues please feel free to set up an appointment to visit with Mr. Baisden or Mrs. Facio. You can call to high school or email them directly.